THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The major insurgent groups operating in the North-East are the following:

(i) **Assam:**

1. United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).
2. National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB).
3. Bodo Liberation Tiger Force (BLTF).

(ii) **Manipur:**

1. People's Liberation Army (PLA).
2. United National Liberation Front (UNLF).
3. People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK)
4. Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP).
5. Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL).

(iii) **Nagaland:**

1. National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah) (NSCN(I/M).
2. National Socialist Council of Nagland (Khaplang) (NSCNK).

(iv) **Tripura:**

1. All Tripura Tiger Force.
2. National Liberation Front of Tripura.

It is difficult to estimate accurately the membership and arms holding of these groups.

(b) Available details of deaths and kidnappings in the North East, State wise, during the last five years (1994—1998) are as under:

State	Deaths	Kidnappings
Assam	1814	483
Tripura	1160	1353
Meghalaya	24	8
Nagaland	608	203
Manipur	1209	23
Mizoram	4	0
Arunachal Pradesh	20	16

(c) Steps taken by the Government to deal with insurgency situation in North Eastern States include, inter alia, deployment of additional units of of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence; modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces; sanction of Special Central Assistance; reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as "disturbed areas" and notification of the major insurgent groups as "unlawful associations". The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

The strategy to curb insurgency also includes a willingness to meet and discuss legitimate grievances; friendly relations with neighbouring countries; accelerated infrastructural development; stress on employment schemes; and good governance and decentralisation.

Unauthorised construction in Cantonment areas

*213. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unauthorised construction is going on unabated in Cantonment areas throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any strategy to check such unauthorised construction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Some unauthorised constructions are reported from some Cantonments.

(b) and (c) As and when unauthorised constructions are detected or reported, action to stop/remove the unauthorised construction is promptly initiated.

Monitoring of RD projects in States

*214. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have an Area Officer to monitor implementation of Rural Development programmes in different State;

(b) whether any Area Officer visited Andhra Pradesh to study the IAY programmes this year;